

**From:** [G Bahlkow](#)  
**To:** [Hathaway, Ed](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Pike Hill Copper Mine public comment period  
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Hi Ed,

Here are my comments:

Note I own the land where Smith mine is located as well as two smaller parcels adjoining. Also note I have never held title to the subsurface estate at Smith Mine.

1 - I believe the last segment of road into Smith mine is not a town road. I believe the actual town road diverges from the Smith mine road about a half mile before the mine itself and follows the less apparent thru road to Maplewood. Not only is a thru road more likely, there are old home sites along this road. It would be highly unusual for a town road to service a private mining operation. If you look in historical records for this road you will find evidence to support it. Also, the old maps of OC Clements land (now Dartmouth) show this road as the boundary between Smith Mine parcel and the Clements land, further supporting my contention. It seems the sooner this is sorted out the better so a title issue does not interfere with the actual work plan schedule.

2 - I support Option 2, removal, for the much smaller Smith mine remediation plan. The amount of materials is small and consolidated (relative to Eureka) and Option 2 will leave the Drainage and associated wetlands free of any future contamination forever. It seems option 2 will not require much, if any, more truck traffic than Option 1 at Smith mine. If you have made these truck traffic calculations for Smith mine options please forward along. I have not seen them separated out.

3 - As the Smith Mine appears likely to support a population of Endangered Bats I'm sure this habitat is on your radar. I hope this includes limitations on access to the mine site upon completion and keeping the road private and construction of a solid gate on the road in will help. (Ties in to comment 1 above).

Thank you!

On Aug 3, 2022, at 8:25 AM, Hathaway, Ed <[Hathaway.Ed@epa.gov](mailto:Hathaway.Ed@epa.gov)> wrote:

Please be aware that the public comment period for the Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis (EE/CA) in support of a cleanup action for the Pike Hill Copper Mine Superfund Site begins today, Aug 3, 2022 and extends until Sept 2, 2022. The administrative record, including the EE/CA and the attached fact sheet are all available for review at: [www.epa.gov/superfund/pikehill](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/pikehill)

Best regards

Ed Hathaway

<Pike Hill Copper Mine EECA Fact Sheet Aug 2022 100021530.pdf>